

Press release from The National Association for Neighbours of large Windturbines in Denmark.

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Survey of health problems caused by windturbines finally on its way

The Danish Minister for Health and Prevention, Astrid Krag, was summoned to a consultation about windturbines and health issues by the liberal party "Venstre" on Tuesday, June 25. On Friday, June 28, the acting Minister for the Environment, Pia Olsen Dyhr, was summoned to a consultation about the same issue. Both ministers said that they will co-fund a cross-sectional study about the health effects of windturbines on neighbors, and both ministers admitted that we do not have this knowledge today.

The study will be organized by "Kræftens Bekæmpelse" (an organization that primarily focuses on fundraising for and research about cancer), and the result is expected to be published by the end of 2015. It is not yet known how the study will be conducted, but a focus on the frequency of cardiovascular disease among neighbors of large windturbines was mentioned in both consultations.

We are aware that cardiovascular disease is only one of many possible health issues related to windturbines. Other health issues are stress, depression, high blood pressure, etc. It is our hope, that the study will have a broader focus than just cardiovascular disease.

In any event, it has sent a strong message to the public that the Minister for Health and Prevention and the Minister for the Environment both see a need for a study of the health effects of wind turbines, admitting in effect that no such knowledge exists at present.

In logical response to this development, windmill projects must be put to a stop awaiting the outcome of the pending investigation.